

SWG Chairs Telecon 12-Dec-2017

Minutes by Anna Bonaldi

Participants:

SWGs: Tao An, Andrea Possenti, Cormac Reynolds, Douglas Johnstone, Eduard Kontar, Fernando Camilo, Gianni Bernardi, Lourdes Verde-Montenegro, Mark Sargent, Michael Rupen, Phil Diamond, Richard Battye, Robert Beswick, Sarah Blyth, Willem v. Straten, Laura Wolz, Izaskun Jimenez-Serra.

SKAO: R. Braun, C. Garcia-Miro, A. Bonaldi, J. Wagg, T. Bourke, E. Keane

Reports from the individual SWGs have been presented by the following SWGs: Extragalactic (non-HI) Spectral Line, Our Galaxy, Epoch of Reionization, Cosmology, Extragalactic Continuum, Cradle of Life, HI galaxy science, Pulsars

Feedback on the Science and Operations Planning is being collected by the WG chairs. Some first comments from the Continuum, HI, Magnetism group have been received and discussed. The distinction between KSP and PI proposals and the access policy would benefit from some clarification. An earlier start of the timeline for KSPs would allow engagement on KSP team in commissioning and science verification and give more time for resourcing. However, the schedule for commissioning of modes could complicate early submission for some of the KSPs. How commensality will be implemented is also an important point.

Suggestions for the science meeting: trigger mutual knowledge of the overlapping areas between SDP, SRCs and the community. This can be a good session of the meeting.

SKA data challenges: suggestions are invited from the SWGs to come forward with their ideas for data challenges. We plan to have several of them, to engage different groups and to exercise different tools at a time. We also need an idea of what data sizes the groups would be comfortable processing at this stage, as they will have to rely on their own computing facilities. Anna will be the main contact for this activity.